

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2336 - SB 2320

March 3, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any spouse or dependent child of a state employee, where the state employee is a member of the National Guard or Reserves, to be eligible for continued health insurance coverage provided by the state, at a cost equal to the amount paid by active employees for the same coverage, if the state employee is killed in the line of duty after being called to active military duty.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Up to \$60,000

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Personnel, approximately 150 state employees have been deployed recently for active military duty.
- 4% casualty rate.
- Number of state employees serving actively and casualty rate holds for subsequent years.
- Average monthly premium for family coverage is \$1,036.75.
- Military Department pays 80% of premium and participant pays 20% of premium.
- Increase in state expenditures is estimated up to \$60,000 per year ($150 \times 4\% \times \$1,036.75 \times 80\% \times 12 \text{ months} = \$59,716$).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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